(ख) यदि हां, तो विगत दो वर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) सरकार ने दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाई की है ; और

(घ) इनमें से कितने लोगों को निलंबित किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) बुकिंग ठेके आवंटित करने में बरती गई अनियमितताओं के संबंध में कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ख) पिछले दो वर्षों में दो शिकायतें दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे पर और एक शिकायत पश्चिम रेलवे पर प्राप्त हुई थी ।

(ग) दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के दो मामलों में 5 अधिकारियों के विरूद्ध अनुशासन एवं अपील नियमों के अंतर्गत अनुशासनिक कार्यवाई की गई थी । पश्चिम रेलवे पर प्राप्त हुई शिकायत के संबंध में आरोप सिद्ध नहीं हो सके थे ।

(घ) किसी भी व्यक्ति को निलम्बित नहीं किया गया था ।

Memorandum from the Nanded Zilla Parishad

3002. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Nanded Zilla Railway Parishad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government on the demands enunciated in the memorandum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Memorandum contained the following demands :

1. *Gauge conversion work between Purna-Nanded-Mudkhed and laying of parallel BG line between Mudkhed and Purna :*

Work of conversion on Parbhani-Purna (28 kms.) section has been taken up. With the inclusion of Akola-Purna-Mudkhed and Bolarum-Mudkhed in the Action Plan under Project Unigauge, parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed is not required.

2. *To introduce Nanded-Khandwa "SACHKHAND" Express train :*

At present, two pairs of trains viz. 7569/7570 Secunderabad-Jaipur Express and 581/582 Secunderabad-Ajmer Fast Passenger connect Nanded with Khandwa. Besides, 577 Adilabad-Jalna Passenger and 7569 Ellora Express provides convenient connection at Purna to 583/584 Purna-Khandwa Passenger for travelling towards Khandwa and vice versa. These services are considered adequate for the present level of traffic offering between these two places. Introduction of an additional service between Nanded and Khandwa is presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

3. *Naming the train Bombay-Aurangabad-Jalna Express as Marathwada Express :*

7593/7594 Nanded-Jalna Express has already been named as Marathwada Express. Therefore, naming of Bombay VT-Aurangabd-Jalna Express as Marathwada Express will create confusion among the people of the region, hence not considered desirable.

4. *Passenger traffic on the line Adilabad-Majari section :*

Passenger traffic is already running on Majari-Wani section of Adilabad-Majari section. Wani-Pimpalkutti Adilabad BG section has been opened to goods traffic at present. Openning of this section to passenger traffic will be considered after conversion of Adilabad-Mudkhed-Parbhani MG section is completed.

Resignation of Members of the DRUCC of Central Railway, Nagpur

3003. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that twelve members of the DRUCC of Central Railway, Nagpur have resigned in the month of May-June, 1993;

(b) what are the reasons for their resignations;

(c) whether the vacancies created would be filled early; and

(d) whether precautions are proposed to be taken this time to see that ticket touts and criminals are not nominated on the DRUCC as was done earlier ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) As a protest against running the new trains namely, 2407/2408 Nagpur-Nizamuddin Express only 4 days in a week instead of their demands for running it daily, 11 members of the DRUCC/Nagpur Division of Central Railway had tendered their resignations in June, 1993.

(c) There is no proposal at present.

(d) All possible precautions are taken so that persons with doubtful credentials are not nominated on DRUCCs and in case any complaint is received against any member, and the same is substantiated, suitable action is taken.

Railway Projects in State of Gujarat

3004. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposals received by Government for setting up of Railway projects in State of Gujarat in Western Railway Works plan during the last five years in each division wise as on date 31st May, 1993;

(b) what action Government have taken on each of them and reasons for non-clearance of projects;

(c) what are the details of the improvement and expansion work of Rail service undertaken by the Central Government in the State of Gujarat during the last five years year-wise, division-wise; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Illegal Journey Tickets

3005. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Delhi, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Baroda Railway stations a number of illegal railway ticket agents are functioning there with the association of official Railway booking counter clerks and booking daily unlimited illegal journey tickets and capturing the every counters and selling in black markets on the out-side of each Railway stations and honest and needy passengers are unable to get their journey tickets after spending their prolong time and energy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is very systematic illegal trading of Railway journey tickets in each Railway stations and its very big scandal ring on these stations;

(c) whether Government are aware that in Delhi and New Delhi Reservation Office and in IACAR building unlimited unauthorised ticket booking agents are capturing every counter from 8.00 a. m. to 20.00 p. m. and they are directly associated and involved with the all on duty reservation booking counter staff and in view that they are getting large number of commission from these unauthorised agents;

(d) whether Government have taken any action against these unauthorised Railway Ticket agents and on duty Railway booking staff, and seized and culprit persons with redhanded; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken to curb unauthorised journey ticket booking agents on each railway counters of these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Some complaints regarding sale of tickets to passengers by unauthorised agents at these stations have been received.

(b) Generally, passengers buy tickets from the large number of Railway booking counters provided for this purpose. Only some passengers approach unauthorised agents/touts in case of emergency who sell them tickets clandestinely in fake names on premium.

(c) Some reports of unauthorised agents/touts in Delhi area have been received but it is not true that these tickets are being procured by these unauthorised agents with the active connivance of Railway reservation clerks on duty at the booking counters.

(d) and (e) Surprise Checks/raids are conducted at reservation offices and platforms by Vigilance and Commercial Inspectors against unauthorised sellers of tickets. Checks are also conducted on trains to detect transferred tickets sold to passengers by unauthorised agents. Passengers found travelling on transferred tickets are treated as ticketless passengers and are charged railways' dues plus penalty. Touts apprehended are handed over to Police for prosecution by Courts under Railway Act and defaulting railway staff are taken under D&AR Rules. Special drives are also launched during summer rush and Durga Pooja holidays to eliminate menace of unauthorised sale of tickets. Public are also advised through public address system and media not to buy tickets from unauthorised sources. During 1992-93, 2269 touts were apprehended in the checks/raids and 9608 transferred tickets were detected in the checks on trains.